

Dear FCC Commissioners,

In reference to RM-10740, I must say that I have listened to these "enhanced SSB" signals on the 20 meter band, and I have found nothing objectionable. While the pinched nasal sound of a typical SSB transmission may be a great thing of beauty to some, and it is certainly more able to punch through in noisy conditions, this pinched sound is very fatiguing to listen to for any great length of time. The full sound of most of the enhanced SSB operators can be very pleasing, unless of course, the person listening has a particular bone to pick with the enhanced operators. Just because a signal has a little bottom end in the audio does not mean it is wider than another signal. I personally have had much more problem with other amateurs splattering from as far a 6kc away with non enhanced audio than with any of the accused enhanced stations. I have listened to these stations a lot since this controversy began. I have also listened to other stations splattering with out SSB enhancement.

I do not see a need for special rulemaking. The cost of the equipment that most of the SSB experimenters will prohibit the majority of ham operators from trying enhanced SSB. Just because a portion of the amateur radio community does not like the way a station sounds should not lead to the outlawing of that particular sound. A wide signal is a wide signal, regardless of whether it originated from an enhanced SSB station or a station using a microphone with a narrow audio pass band that has been tuned improperly or is running too much speech processor. We hams tend to police ourselves and think we should continue to do so.

Thank you for your time,